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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I really forgot that the hon. Member might put a supplementary question of this nature. Hereafter I shall bear this in mind and get figures."

Labour dispute in the Cheroli Mills.

* 1985 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what conciliation measures the Government have taken in the labour dispute between the workers and the management of Cheroli Mills Kunhimangalam, North Malabar, regarding the dismissal of 5 workers from the mills on 15th December 1954 without giving any notice either to the workers or to the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is reported that no worker employed in the mills was dismissed from service."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, I want to make a correction in the question. The name of the mills is Chenoli Mills and not Cheroli Mills. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government are aware that the Regional Factory Inspector visited the factory and found that the names of many workers were not entered in the register? He has found out that about 50 workers had been dismissed. May I know wherefrom the Government got this information—whether it was from the Labour Officer or whether it was from the Regional Inspector of Factories—that there was no such dismissal and that there were efforts at conciliation? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, conducted an inquiry on the 7th February 1955 regarding the alleged dismissal of workers and he listened to both the management and the workers. The workers submitted to the Labour Officer a list of workers who, they said, had been dismissed. The Labour Officer obtained from the management the muster roll and the wage register of the factory and found none of those names in the register. Therefore, it is now clear that those who had been dismissed were not the workers who were on the muster roll and the wage register. Perhaps, they were casual labourers."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Will the Hon. Minister call for a report from the Regional Factory Inspector in view of the fact that there is a possibility of the muster roll having been burked? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If any specific allegation is made to the Government, the Government will inquire into the matter."

" Special reward amount " in the Police department.

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri M. Dharmalingam who gave notice of this question is not in his place, the answer together with the question will be printed in the official proceedings."

* 1986 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the officers above the rank of head constables in the Police department are allowed to have some amount as special reward amount;

(*b*) if so, what is the maximum amount that they can possess and for what purpose it is to be spent; and

(*c*) why the head constables and constables are not allowed to have such special reward amounts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) It will not be in the public interest to give information."

Kudroli Commonwealth Tile Factory.

* 1987 Q.—SRI K. ISHWARA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Kudroli Commonwealth Tile Factory is running a canteen for the workers in the factory;

(*b*) if so, why the Harijan workers in the factory are not allowed to enter the canteen to take coffee;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Factory Manager prohibited the Harijans from entering the canteen;

(*d*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter;

(*e*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the Harijan workers of the factory; and

(*f*) whether the Labour Officer enquired into the matter; and if so, what action was taken?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The management has not restricted the entry of Harijans into the canteen.

" (*c*) No, Sir.

" (*d*) Does not arise.

" (*e*) No memorandum was received from the Harijan workers of this factory.

" (*f*) Does not arise."